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SUBJECT: DIET AGRICULTURE MISSION OFF TO WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY: FOUR LDP DIET MEMBERS LEFT HURRIEDLY DEC 26 TO PRESENT CASE OF JAPANESE MIKAN AND BEEF GROWERS TO WHATEVER US OFFICIALS THEY CAN FIND. THEY EXPECT TELEPHONE RESULTS THEIR APPROACHES BACK TO TOKYO TO PERMIT PRESENTATION OF LATEST JAPANESE RESPONSE TO US REQUESTS BY DEC 29. END SUMMARY.

2. FOUR LDP DIET MEMBERS: TAKAMI ETO, TSUTOMU HATA, SEIICHI KATAOKA (ALL LOWER HOUSE) AND SHINJI MIYOSHI (UPPER HOUSE) ACCOMPANIED BY SHINZO NAKASE, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PLANNING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTED 2120, DEC 26 AS LDP PARTY MISSION FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., TO CONFER WITH US OFFICIAL. ALL DIET MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN CITRUS AND BEEF, AND ARE MEMBERS OF DIET LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY LEAGUE.

3. UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM AGRICULTURALLY-BASED SEGMENTS OF LDP, PRIME MINISTER AGREED DEC 26 TO HOLD UP RESPONSE TO US TRADE REQUESTS UNTIL PARTY MISSION COULD CONFER IN WASHINGTON WITH US
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OFFICIALS. PRIME MINISTER REALIZES THAT FEW US OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY, CONGRESSMEN, ARE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE BUT DECIDED IT WAS POLITICALLY WISE TO LET GROUP DEPART AND AS MOTONO PUT IT TO ECMIN, "BLOW OFF STEAM".

4. GROUP HOPES TO SEE AMBASSADOR WOLFF AT STR, CONGRESSMEN AND USDA OFFICIALS DURING DAY DEC 27. AND TELEPHONE BACK TO LDP

HEADQUARTERS IN TIME AS PARTY CAN CONSIDER REPORT AND PRIME
MINISTER CAN PRESENT REPLY TO AMBASSADOR SOME TIME DEC 29.

5. GROUP IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING US CITRUS INTERESTS.
THEY WILL BE LOOKING TO SEE IF OUR POSITION IS FIRM AND CONSISTENT,
OR WHETHER WE ARE WILLING TO COMPROMISE. A FIRM LINE SEEMS TO
EMBASSY PREFERABLE AT THIS POINT, RESERVING ANY COMPROMISE FOR
USE AT A MORE OPPORTUNE MOMENT.
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